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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. AUDIBERT, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/779,857  
Filed: February 9, 2001  
For: CEMENT SLURRIES COMPRISING HYDROPHOBIC POLYMERS  
Art Group: 1714  
Examiner: Szekely

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 3, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2002, the time period for responding having been extended one month until September 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7 with the following:

B<sup>1</sup>  
- Hb1 : acrylic acid (Hy)/butyl acrylate (Hb) copolymer, where R5 is H, Z1 is COOH, R'5 is H and Z2 is COOR'1 with R'1 being C4, comprising about 80 % acrylate units, and of molecular mass ranging between  $10^4$  and  $5 \cdot 10^4$  daltons.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4, 6 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.